Recruitment of IA pilots from flying clubs

938. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA . Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the co-pilots of the Indian Airlines are directly recruited from flying clubs;

(b) whether these co-pilots have sufficient experience and matuiity;

(c) whether there is a demand from the Indian Commercial Pilots' Association not to recruit such pilots from the flying clubs directly; and

(d) what is the reaction of Government to this demand ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) : (a) and (b) Trainee pilots are recruited from the open market. The initial training for pilots is conducted by the flying clubs/Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademi to prepare these pilots for basic Commercial Pilots Licences on different types of aircraft which are i sued by the Director General of Civil Aviation.

Trainee pilots, after selection by Indian Airlines, and exposed to rigorous training programmes covering technical, navigational and simulator-cum-flying training. At various stages of tra'ning by Indian Airlines, they are subjected to tests conducted by the Airlines as well as by the Director General of Civil Aviation to enable them to obtain endorsement/ratings of the fleet of Indian Airlines.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Profit of IA from Airbus

939. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that all profits of Indian Airlines were earned only from Airbus services; as reported in the Times of India dated the 10th February, 1989;

(b) if so, what is the break up of profit and loss from the services of different aircrafts; and

(c) what steps are being taken to augment the income from other services ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) The break-up of profit and loss from the services of different aircraf t during the year 1986-87 is as follows :—

(Rs. in crores)

Aircraft type	Profit/ Loss) over cash cost
Airbus A-300. . . .	192.38
Boeing-737	107.90
Turbo-Prop	(5.18)
TOTAL .	295.10

Figures for 1987-88 are under comp tion.

(c) The loss on operation of Indian Airlines has been mainly on short-haul sectors and North Eastern sectors which have difficult-terrain areas. The following steps have been taken to improve the income from these services :—

(i) fares have been rationalised on short sectors on distance slabs upto 500 kms. so as to ensure better cost recovery;

(ii) wherver feasible, uneconomical turbo-prop routes are being replaced by Boeing 737 aircraft;

(iii) More direct links are being provided to curtail the costs and increase passenger convenience;

(iv) Flights are closely monitored and schedules so as as to acheive the optium utilisation of capacity etc.

Decline in Tourist Traffic from European and the American Countries

940. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR :
SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH :

Will the Minist r of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURSIM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that tourist traffic from European and the American Countries has declined during the last six months of 1988, as compared to the same period of 1987;

(b) if so, what is the total number of tourist who visited India from those countries dring the last six months of 1988 as compared to 1987: and

(c) what steps are being taken to exploit tourist traffic from the said countries during the current year ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) : (a) and (b) The foreign tourist traffic to the country from America and Europe during the period from June to November, 1987 and 1988 were as given below :

	Arrivals during June to November	
	1987	1988
American countries	89,081	84,022
European countries	246,064	282,223

(c) Consumer advertising through print and television has been intensified in the selected markets of the region. This is supported by trade contacts, brochure support, audio-visual shows, seminar, and other promotional efforts.

Pilferage of export consignment at Indira Gandhi International Air port

941. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR :
SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that incidence of pilferage of export consignments and passenger's baggage at the Indira Gandhi International Airport has increased during the past one year ;

(b) if so, what is the estimated pilferage noticed in terms of money during the last one year ;

(c) what steps have been taken to check such large scale pilferages ; and

(d) what is the demurrages which Government has to pay to the exporters on account of pilferages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM(SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) : (a) and (b) During 1988, pilferage of four export consignments valued Rs. 33,434 were reported from IGI Cargo terminal. During the year, claims amounting to approximately Rs. 1·00 lakh were also settled by Air India against reported pilferage of passenger baggage.

(c) Measures such as positioning of CCTV, revamping of watch and ward set up deployment of additional police force on airside security, closing of airside security gate, regulation of entry through photo identity card, setting up of a separate unit for security etc.have been taken to check pilferage.

(d) No demurrage is involved in cases of pilferage.